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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
PROSPECTIVE COMMANDING OFFICER  
U.S.S. PETERSON (DD-969)  
FLEET TRAINING CENTER  
NORFOLK, VIRGINIA 23511

176-8287/1

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20 December 1976

Ambassador George BUSH  
The Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Ambassador BUSH,

Thank you for your note regarding the PETERSON commissioning.

Your remarks were most timely as the same thoughts had been suggested to me from other sources in anticipation of the administration change in January. I sincerely appreciate your understanding and humbly accept your offer to relinquish the guest speaker position.

Progress is continuing on the ship's construction. It now looks like the commissioning will be in May. If you would like, I will continue to send you a copy of my "Familygram". At any rate, I would like to keep in touch when you move back to Texas if that isn't being too presumptuous.

Again, thank you for your note. I look forward to hearing from you as time permits. Sara joins me in wishing you and Mrs. Bush best wishes for a joyous holiday season and the best of luck as you head west.

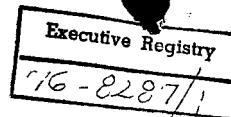
Warmest regards,

*William S. Emmerich*  
WILLIAM S. EMMERICH  
Commander, U.S. Navy

NAVY review(s) completed.

*Robert A. Jones*

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December 8, 1976

Dear Bill,

You may have seen in the papers that I will be leaving CIA. I might add that I am leaving with tremendous regret, since this has been such a great job and this is such a fine, though misunderstood, institution.

It occurs to me that you will want to get someone at the commissioning ceremony who is currently in office. If that is the case, I would most certainly understand, I will, of course, do it if you want me to, but I just got thinking that it might be a bigger deal for the PETERSON and its crew if you had someone from the Carter Administration.

So consider yourself off the hook. Let me know your pleasure and best of luck.

Sincerely,

  
George Bush

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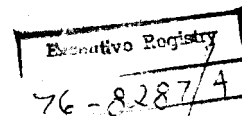
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June 18, 1976

Dear Bill,

I would be very happy to accept your invitation to be the guest speaker at the commissioning ceremony in Pascagoula. What a fantastic looking ship! Let me know when you get a definitive date for the commissioning.

It occurs to me that should there be dramatic changes around here, and should I not be serving as Director of Central Intelligence, you might well want to get someone else to do the honors for you on that day. I have no plans to be doing anything else, but serving at the pleasure of the President is not exactly compatible with "tenure," and you should have for that important event whatever government official you want. Therefore, let us see what the future holds.

I just want you to know that I will be there if you want me and I am honored to be invited.

Sincerely,

George Bush  
Director

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P.S. Should you need to discuss arrangements with my office, please call my Executive Assistant, [redacted] at [redacted]

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
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CARL J. PETERSON (DD-969)  
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76-8287

June 11, 1976

Ambassador George Bush  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20390

*Dictated*

Dear Ambassador Bush,

Once again, congratulations on your new assignment. It must be extremely interesting, and yet, the constant pressure under which you must operate as a result of the current attention being paid by Congress must be frustrating. While attending my 20th high school reunion, one of my classmates, who is one of your employees, [redacted] mentioned the additional responsibilities of the whole "community" also falling into your office. In my humble opinion a better person for the job could not have been chosen.

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Several things have happened to me since I wrote last Christmas. The most significant is that my shore duty was terminated two years early in order that I would be available to assume command of the newly constructed, yet to be commissioned PETERSON (DD 969). I have taken the liberty of enclosing some information about the ship for your perview.

This brings me to my primary reason for writing. I would be very honored if you would accept my invitation to be the guest speaker at the commissioning ceremony. The ship will be commissioned at Ingalls Shipbuilding Company, Pascagoula, Mississippi. Unfortunately, the specific date is yet to be determined because of some slippages in the program, however, it should be late February or early March 1977. We would like very much for you and Mrs. Bush to attend and to be the guest of the ship's company should you desire to arrive the evening before the ceremony.

If you accept my invitation, I will advise the Commandant of the Sixth Naval District, who is the official Navy representative for the program. His office will then send you an official request (or confirmation) of your acceptance. Additionally, I will provide more detailed information as it becomes available. I apologize for the indefinite date, however, I am sure you understand.

I hope you will be able to accept and look forward to hearing from you. Please pass my best wishes on to Mrs. Bush.

Warmest regards,

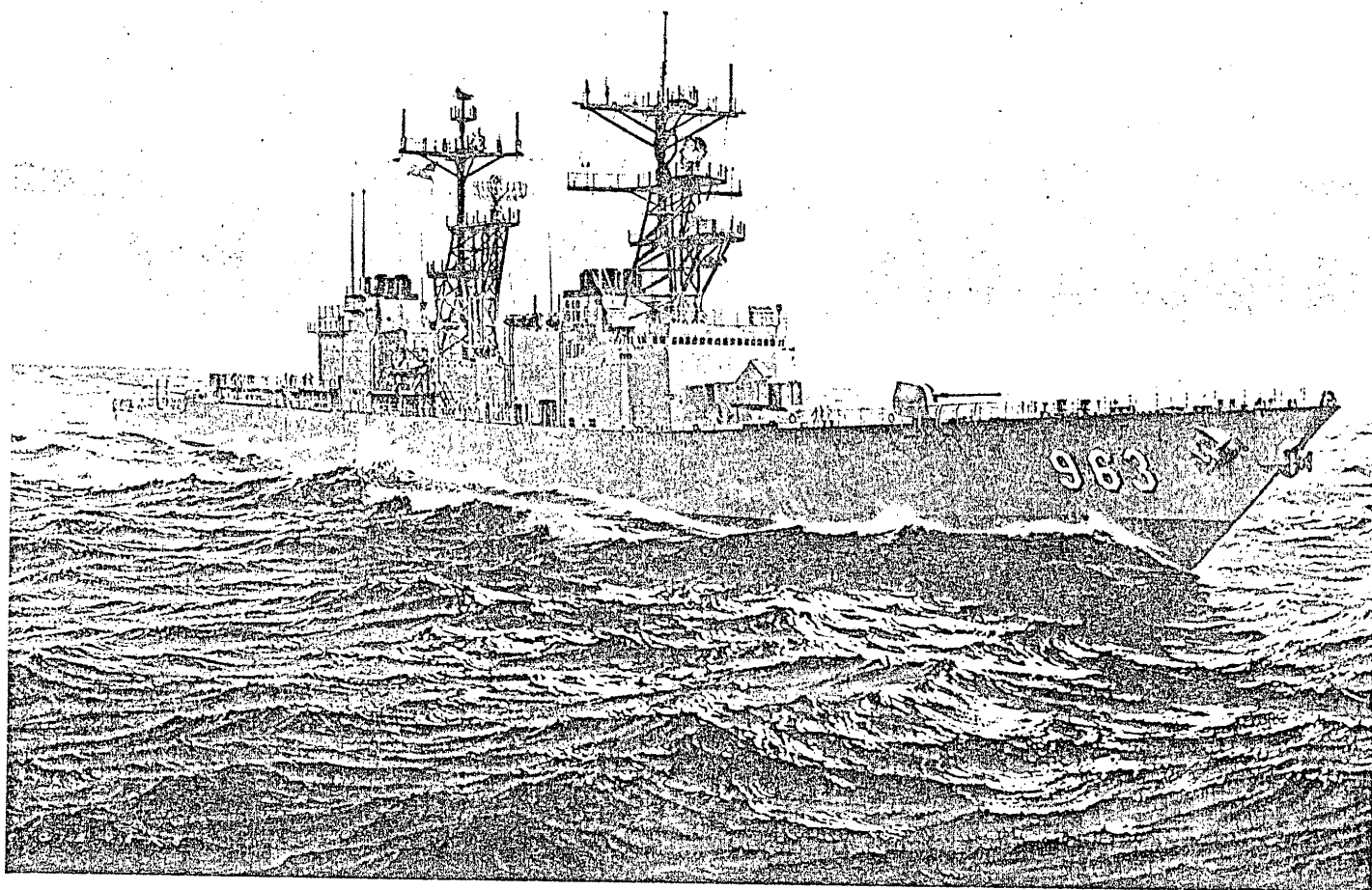
*William S. Emmerich*

WILLIAM S. EMMERICH  
Commander, U.S. Navy

## FACT SHEET FOR USS SPRUANCE (DD-963)

KEEL LAID -	November 27, 1972.
LAUNCHED -	November 10, 1973 at Pascagoula, Mississippi.
COMMISSIONED -	September 20, 1975.
SPONSOR	Christened by Mrs. Raymond Ames Spruance, widow of Admiral Spruance.
DESIGNER -	Ingalls Shipbuilding division of Litton Industries, Pascagoula, Mississippi.
BUILDER -	Ingalls Shipbuilding division of Litton Industries, Pascagoula, Mississippi.
SHIP'S MISSIONS -	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. ASW.</li><li>2. Escort to military and merchant ship convoys.</li><li>3. Bombardment of shore positions.</li><li>4. Surveillance and trailing of hostile ships.</li><li>5. Blockade.</li><li>6. Search and rescue.</li><li>7. Amphibious assault support.</li></ol>
CHARACTERISTICS -	<p>Length - overall - 563 feet 4 inches.</p> <p>Waterline - 529 feet.</p> <p>Beam - 55 feet.</p> <p>Draft - 29 feet.</p> <p>Displacement - 7,800 tons when fully loaded.</p> <p>Horsepower - Over 80,000.</p> <p>Speed - In excess of 30 knots.</p> <p>Propulsion - Four gas turbine engines.</p> <p>Propellers - Two reversible pitch propellers.</p> <p>Rudders - Two.</p> <p>Screws - Two.</p> <p>Aircraft - Two SH-2F or one SH-3D helicopters.</p> <p>Crew - 250 - 18 officers and 232 enlisted men.</p>
ARMAMENT -	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Two 5"/54 caliber guns.</li><li>2. One ASROC 8-tube launcher.</li><li>3. ASW torpedo mounts-triple barrel.</li></ol>
SENSORS -	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Fire control, surface search and air search radars.</li><li>2. Long range sonar.</li><li>3. Electronic warfare.</li></ol>

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The destroyer being christened today, PETERSON (DD-969), is named in honor of the late Lieutenant Commander Carl J. Peterson, USN (1936-1969), son of Captain Carl A. Peterson, USN (Ret) and Mrs. Peterson, of Tuxedo Park, New York. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, LCDR Peterson reported for Vietnam War duty in December 1968 as Squadron Commander of River Patrol Boat forces tasked with clearing the enemy entrenched along the narrow and extremely hazardous waterways in the Mekong River Delta. During the next few months he personally planned and carried out an aggressive tactical offensive against the enemy.

LCDR Peterson had become singularly responsible for the operational success of his squadron of river patrol boats before he was killed in action on April 2, 1969 while serving as on-scene commander. Posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Combat V for his heroic action.

LCDR Peterson's devotion to duty, courage under fire, exemplary leadership and outstanding professionalism reflected credit upon himself and were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Navy.



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